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SUBJECT: UN CONFERENCE ON SUCCESSION OF STATES IN RESPECT TO TREATIES

- 1. THE RESUMED SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE CONVENED JULY 31 WITH 90 DELEGATIONS PRESENT. THE CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION OF THE FIRST SESSION HAS BEEN CONTINUED INCLUDING THE INFORMAL COMMITTEE. THE UK (SINCLAIR) WILL CHAIR WEDNESDAY GROUP. CONFERENCE BEGAN WORK ON ARTICLES 30 TO 39 AND WILL THEN RETURN TO ARTICLES 2, 7, 12 THE PREAMBLE AND FINAL CLAUSES. AFTER EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION, ARTICLE 30 HAS BEEN REFERRED TO THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE WITHOUT CHANGE. THE FRG AND JAPANESE WITHDREW THEIR AMENDMENTS.
- 2. THE US WITHDREW ITS AMENDMENT (ARTICLE 30 BIS)
  CONCERNING INCOMPATIBLE TREATY OBLIGATIONS AND HAS
  PROPOSED INSTEAD THAT THE CONFERENCE ADOPT THE FOLLOWING
  RESOLUTION: QUOTE IF THE APPLICATION OF ARTICLE 30 OF
  THIS CONVENTION RESULTS IN INCOMPATIBLE TEATY OBLIGATIONS
  FOR THE SUCCESSOR OR ANY OTHER STATE OR STATES PARTY, THE
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TREATIES IN QUESTION SHALL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO RESOLVE THE MATTER THROUGH CONSULTATION AND NEGOTIATION UNQUOTE. THE RESOLUTION HAS BEEN REFERRED TO THE INFORMAL COMMITTEE BUT IT APPEARS THAT THERE IS SUBSTANTIAL SUPPORT FOR ITS SUBSTANCE.

3. ARTICLES 31 AND 32 ALSO REFERRED TO DRAFTING COMMITTEE

WITHOUT CHANGE. NO DISCUSSION OR AMENDMENT ON ARTICLE 31. SWAZILAND AND SWEDEN WITHDREW PROPOSAL FOR DELETION OF ARTICLE 32 ON BASIS OF PREVIOUS ADVERSE VOTE ON ARTICLES 18 AND 29 (3), BUT REQUESTED VOTE ON ARTICLE. ARTICLE 32 WAS APPROVED BY 52-4-22. ARTICLE 22 BIS HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN. WOLF

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